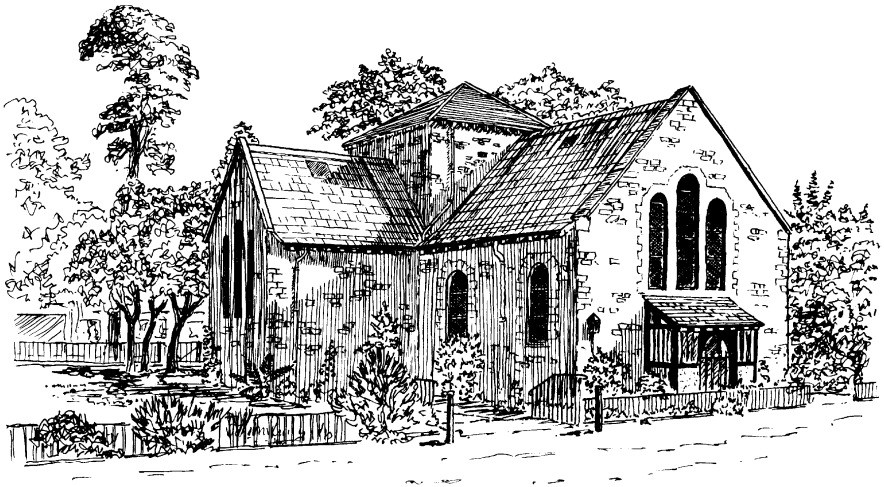


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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends,

It is interesting that Christianity has returned to the centre of Scottish politics again during the recent upheavals in the Scottish Parliament. The new Deputy First Minister, Kate Forbes has never made a secret of her faith, saying in an interview, 'I believe in the person of Jesus Christ, I believe that he died for me, he saved me. And that my calling is to serve and to love him and to serve and love my neighbours with all my heart and soul and mind and strength'. An attack on her faith by members of the Scottish Greens then provoked a statement of Christian faith, in the Holyrood Chamber, from the new First Minister, John Swinney: 'I believe that nothing can separate us from the love of God, that is the foundation of my faith'. Ironically, the Scottish Greens MSP who provoked this, Ross Greer, is also a Christian.

So, despite the attacks on Kate Forbes and the aggressive secularism of some in Scottish politics, we can still 'do God' in public life... and Christians still disagree with each other! Our faith should influence our politics, and the best response to the sort of person who says religion and politics shouldn't mix is Bishop Desmond Tutu's: 'they must have a different Bible to mine'.

At Holy Cross our mission is that of Jesus: 'love God and love your neighbour'. To love our neighbours we need to know them, and I have been pleased recently to hear from a number of local people that 'your church is a community church', 'I often see the doors of your church open' or 'your church is involved in the community'. A church that is not involved in its community is a dead church and that is not God's will.

We are not a large congregation, so we can only sustain this community involvement by forming partnerships. It was lovely to see Holy Cross full of families for the May Children's Concert which was enabled by our partnership with [Live Music Now Scotland](#). Details of further concerts are found on page 5; if you have any under-5s in your family, bring them along! Close links with the [Davidson's Mains Christmas Lights Committee](#) and [Scouts](#) – whose trailer is kept in our grounds – have been fruitful, not least in good work tidying our grounds. Churches and pubs naturally go together (at least in my mind) and I was glad to present a certificate to Ye Olde Inn last month to thank them for their collection in connection with the Christmas carols in the pub for [Jeeps for Peace](#) for Ukraine. There are also our three Indian Orthodox congregations who meet on Saturdays to celebrate Mass in our church. We have welcomed them and they have given a great welcome to our clergy families, I hope we can build on this relationship.

As we can only flourish by building partnerships, so we need money to exist. Colin noted in the last magazine that as costs go up, we should, if possible, increase our giving to Holy Cross (otherwise in real terms our giving is going down). These financial donations are part of our Christian discipleship and it is good to regularly review them – if your income goes down you may wish to reduce your giving and vice versa. Our Orthodox congregations contribute for the use of our church and hall, and they made some extra donations this Easter. We have also made an arrangement with a company moving to Davidson's Mains for them to hire three spaces in our car park during the working day (*not* evenings or weekends). You will see the parking bays being marked out in the coming weeks. You are generous, we have seen a remarkable increase in giving over the past two years, but still we do not give enough to cover annual costs and so we need extra income streams.

Another form of partnership is with local churches. We have our link with St Salvador's and generously support its food bank; it is a great privilege to help out there each month and celebrate the Eucharist with the large congregation that meets before the food is given out. I have even met members of our Orthodox congregations there, at the Mass or giving or receiving food. I also meet regularly with local clergy and look forward to welcoming the Revd Julia Cato, new Minister of [Edinburgh Northwest Kirk](#), formed through the union of Cramond Kirk and Old Kirk & Muirhouse (now Pennywell Kirk). Cramond was once Episcopalian so is part of our history, reminding us of the most important partnership, in God and beyond time.

In Jesus God became man and so took the human race into partnership (if you think about it, this is amazing). In the Church that Jesus founded we are united with other Christians through time, space and beyond. St Columba of Iona is in Holy Cross in our East Window and the icon by the door. He is also the patron of the ancient parish of Cramond in which our church stands. Cramond was a 'detached parish' of the diocese of Dunkeld, which is where the monks of Iona moved with the relics of Columba at the time of the Viking raids. St Columba's Isle of Inchcolm in the Forth, 'the Iona of the East', was also part of that diocese (as were Dalgety and Aberdour). It is probable that monks from Iona and Dunkeld crossed the Forth at Cramond on their way to Lindisfarne and walked along the Roman Road that passes Holy Cross. Columba is thus our secondary patron and we will keep his feast day on Sunday 9th June, think together about what he still says to us and sing some hymns by or about him. Why not come and join us then?

With love and prayers,





## FROM THE REGISTERS

**Funeral:** James (Jimmy) Campbell at Warriston Crematorium on Tuesday 7th May. Jimmy and his wife Susan are from Silverknowes and were married at Holy Cross two decades ago.



## FAMILY CONCERTS

### ‘traditional tunes for tiny people’

free interactive concerts for 0–5s (ish!) and their grown-ups  
with musicians from Live Music Now Scotland



2 p.m.

last Sunday of the month until July:

30th June

28th July



No need to book. Concerts are free but donations are welcome towards refurbishing our community hall.



For more information contact Izzy, Children’s Minister: 07464 611553  
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## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Thank you to Neville, Sarah and Yvonne for covering the gaps in May.

2nd June	Ron Gillies
9th June	?
16th June	Peggy Farrar
23rd June	Paula Ingram
30th June	Yvonne Boughton



**Flower Rota 2024** is on the noticeboard. There are still some gaps. Please sign up. A simple bunch of flowers in a vase of water is fine if you lack flower arranging skills. If you have not done the flowers before, Sarah is happy to advise.

If you would like to donate the flowers but cannot arrange them yourself please speak to Sarah ([sarahmillee@aol.com](mailto:sarahmillee@aol.com) or 237 5147).

## SACRAMENTS

– prayers please for:

**Laura Hundert** and **Nathan Thomson** who will be married at St Paul's, Brookline, USA on 15th June. Laura is the granddaughter of the late Isobel and Richard Winnington-Ingram of Holy Cross and, as they live in Scotland, Fr Stephen has done their marriage preparation.

**Jowita Thor** and **Ivan Bokii** who will be married at Holy Cross on Saturday 27th July.

## OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

### Remembering departed loved ones

The small flame in our sanctuary lamp burns continually in our church as a sign of prayer and presence, and it is possible to sponsor the lamp for a month in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do this, please send their name to the Rector or sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard in church. It can be done at a suggested minimum donation of £15, which covers the cost of the candles. There are vacancies in December and next year.

In May the lamp burnt in memory of Katrine Townhill. In June it will burn for Bryony St John and Heather Armstrong-Frost.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Just a brief note to thank those of you who have recently set up a new standing order or increased your existing standing order in response to my appeal in last month's magazine. We rely on giving from the congregation to keep us financially solvent and I am very grateful to you all for your donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Colin Mair, Treasurer*  
*19th May 2024*

## JULY/AUGUST MAGAZINE

The next issue of the magazine will as usual be the combined July/August edition. Remember there is no separate magazine in August.

The copy deadline is 19th June (earlier always appreciated) for any information about events in July, August or early September. A Word document as an email attachment is best, but I can cope with most things, including appalling handwriting, given time.

*Margaret*

## ST SALVADOR'S FOOD BANK

Thanks to all who donate food or money to the St Salvador's Food Initiative. Food can be placed in the big black box in church; items particularly needed are rice, cooking oil, tins of tuna, packets of sweet biscuits and those cheap instant noodle packs. If in doubt, consult the clergy, who are regularly involved. Thank you!



The shape of the food bank has changed with the food bank proper running from 12 to 1 p.m., followed by a drop-in space with tea and coffee until 2 p.m. This is to meet the needs of the visitors, some of whom just need food while others enjoy a blether.

## WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED

God has not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways always for you.  
God has not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

*But God has promised strength for the day  
Rest for the labour, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

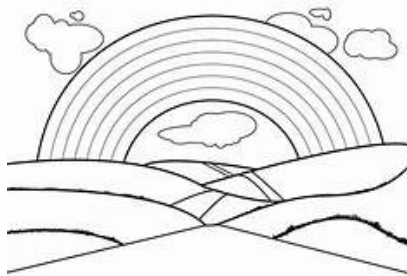
God has not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe.  
He has not told us we shall not bear  
Many a burden, many a care.

*But God has promised strength for the day  
Rest for the labour, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

God has not promised smooth roads and wide,  
Swift easy travel needing no guide.  
Never a path rocky and steep,  
Never a river turbid and deep.

*But God has promised strength for the day  
Rest for the labour, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

Annie Johnson Flint 1866–1932





## **SILENT PRAYER A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

On a Wednesday evening between 8 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. a group of us gather in the church for silent prayer. We meet in the presence of God and sit in silence for 40 minutes, with no more than a few words at the beginning and end, such as a Bible verse or the Lord's Prayer. This is led by Duncan Hughes and all are welcome to come and join us. If you need more information about this, speak to Fr Stephen or contact Duncan on [dghughessc@gmail.com](mailto:dghughessc@gmail.com) or 07515 945914. No need to book or commit to coming each week.

Contemplative prayer brings you closer to God, transforms the world, and is even good for your mental health. 'Be still and know that I am God.'



## **WORSHIP**

(Any variations are noted in the Kalendar)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.00 a.m. Eucharist (traditional language)</b> <b>10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30 a.m. Eucharist</b> <b>8.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Silent Prayer:</b> <b>A Contemplative Prayer Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom</b> We pray together for about half an hour, using the fixed words of the service with a space for free prayer. To join us contact the Rector.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10.30 a.m. Toddler Church (in term time)</b>
<b>First Friday in the month,</b>	<b>2 p.m. Healing Eucharist with anointing</b>

## KALENDAR and READINGS JUNE 2024

Saturday 1st June – Justin of Rome, Martyr, 165

**Sunday 2nd June – PENTECOST 2 – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Deuteronomy 5.12-15                      Psalm 81.1-5,8-10  
                  2 Corinthians 4.5-12                     Mark 2.23-3.6

Monday 3rd June – Charles Lwanga and his Companions, 1886, Janani Luwum, Bishop, 1977, Martyrs of Uganda.

**Wednesday 5th June – Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary and Martyr, 754 – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. – Silent Prayer 8.00 – 8.45 p.m.**

Readings: 2 Timothy 1.1-12                      Psalm 123                      Mark 12.18-27

**Thursday 6th June – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 7th June – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m. – Healing Eucharist 2 p.m.**

Saturday 8th June – Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon and Doctor of the Church, 373.

**SUNDAY 9th June, COLUMBA OF IONA, our secondary patron (Pentecost 3) – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Isaiah 61.1-3                              Psalm 34.1-8  
                  1 Thessalonians 2.2-12                     Matthew 28.16-20

**Wednesday 12th June – John Skinner, priest, 1807 and John Skinner, bishop, 1816 – Eucharist 10.30 a.m. – Silent Prayer 8.00 – 8.45 p.m.**

Readings: 1 Kings 18.20-39                      Psalm 16.1,6-11                      Matthew 5.17-19

**Thursday 13th June (General Synod) – Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 14th June (General Synod) – Cappadocian Fathers, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory Nazianzen, Gregory of Nyssa, Bishops and Doctors of the Church – Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 15th June (General Synod and Davidson's Mains Children's Gala) – Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941

**SUNDAY 16th June, PENTECOST 4 – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

Readings: Ezekiel 17.22-24                              Psalm 92.1-4,11-14  
                  2 Corinthians 5.6-10,14-17                     Mark 4.26-34

Tuesday 18th June – Bernard Mizeki, Martyr

**Wednesday 19th June** – Romuald of Ravenna, Abbot, 1027 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m. – Silent Prayer 8.00 – 8.45 p.m.**

*Readings:* 2 Kings 2.1,6-14 Psalm 31.19-24 Matthew 6.1-6,16-18

**Thursday 20th June** – St Fillan, Abbot, 8<sup>th</sup> century – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 21st June – Toddler Church – 10.30 a.m.**

Saturday 22nd June – St Alban, First Martyr of Britain

**SUNDAY 23rd June, PENTECOST 5 – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Job 38.1-11 Psalm 107.1-3,23-32  
2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41

Monday 24th June – BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tuesday 25th June – Moluag of Lismore, Bishop, 592

**Wednesday 26th June** – Robert Leighton, Bishop, 1684 – **Eucharist 10.30 a.m. – Silent Prayer 8.00 – 8.45 p.m.**

*Readings:* 2 Kings 22.8-13;23.1-3 Psalm 119.33-40 Matthew 7.15-20

**Thursday 27th June** – Alexander Jolly, Bishop, 1838 – **Evening Prayer on Zoom 5 p.m.**

**Friday 28th June** – Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop, 202 – **Toddler Church 10.30 a.m.**

**SUNDAY 30th June, SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES** (*transferred from 29 June*) – **Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. – Holy Cross Children’s Concert 2 p.m.**

*Readings:* Ezekiel 34.11-16 Psalm 87  
2 Timothy 4.1-8 John 21.15-19

**Wednesday 3rd July** – St Thomas, Apostle - **Eucharist 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings* Habakkuk 2.1-4 Psalm 126  
Hebrews 10.35-11.1 John 20.24-29

**SUNDAY 7th July – PENTECOST 7 – Eucharist 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

*Readings:* Ezekiel 2.1-5 Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12.2-10 Mark 6.1-13

